

One Hundred Third Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning November 7, 1993, and the week beginning November 6, 1994, each as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week".

Whereas there are more than 1,200,000 women veterans in the United States representing 4.6 percent of the total veteran population;

Whereas the number of women serving in the United States Armed Forces and the number of women veterans continue to increase;

Whereas women veterans have contributed greatly to the security of the United States through honorable military service, often involving great hardship and danger;

Whereas the special needs of women veterans, especially in the area of health care, have often been overlooked or inadequately addressed by the Federal Government;

Whereas the lack of attention to the special needs of women veterans has discouraged or prevented many women veterans from taking full advantage of the benefits and services to which they are entitled; and

Whereas designating a week to recognize women veterans will help both to promote important gains made by women veterans and to focus attention on the special needs of women veterans:
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the weeks beginning November 7, 1993, and November 6, 1994, respectively, are each designated as "National Women Veterans Recognition Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue

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a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*